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GIRL'S RISK TO SAVE WOMAN'S LIFE IS FUTILE

Efforts of Irene Wathen, Aged 15, to Save Mrs. Annie Davis From Flames End in Failure and Death Follows Accident.

DRESS CAUGHT AT GRATE; SHE RAN THROUGH HOUSE

Mother Keeps Girl From Being
Dangerously Burned in Her At-
tempt to Extinguish Flames—
Dwelling Was Undamaged.

Despite the brave efforts of Irene Wathen, 15 years old, to save her, Mrs. Annie E. Davis, 55 years old, was burned to death at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning in her home, the upper flat at 1806 North Grand avenue.

Irene, who lives in the flat downstairs, heard Mrs. Davis' screams and ran to her aid. Irene's mother followed her.

They found Mrs. Davis, with her garments all afame, in the bathroom. Irene sprang to her assistance, and was trying with her bare hands to beat out the flames when her mother, Mrs. L. Wathen, reached the door.

Mrs. Wathen, afraid that her daughter's clothing would become ignited, seized her and drew her away from the burning woman.

Irene, unmindful of danger, broke from her mother and again went to the assistance of Mrs. Davis, who, screaming, was running frantically about the narrow bathroom, unable to help herself.

The girl ran close up to Mrs. Davis and tried with her own clothing to smother the flames; but her mother caught her again and dragged her out of the room.

Their mother and daughter ran to the street, and their screams attracted John Sheehey of 925 Coleen Street, and Michael S. Barden, foreman of the Ivory Building, 1100 North Grand avenue. The two men ran upstairs, dressed themselves from a front room and hurried to Mrs. Davis' home. When they reached her she had fallen to the floor, and her clothing was almost entirely burned away.

The men wrapped her in the bedclothing and hurried a messenger for a physician. Before one came, fifteen minutes later, Mrs. Davis died.

Mrs. Davis had been living alone with her daughter, Mrs. Florence Barden, since her husband, Morris Davis, was taken to the soldiers' home at Danville, Ill., an invalid. Mrs. Barden is employed downtown, and left her mother as usual at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Davis went into the front room after 10 o'clock to straighten the room and replenish the fire. She got too close to the grate and her clothing became ignited. She ran, screaming, to the bathroom, and her mother attracted the girl who valiantly tried to save her.

A fire alarm was turned in, but the house was not damaged by the fire.

DRAKE SPEECHLESS FOR REST OF LIFE

"Gentleman of Bluffs" Will Re-
cover, but Use of Tongue
Has Been Lost.

It was announced at Alexian Brothers' Hospital Saturday morning that Frederick L. Drake, "the gentleman of the bluffs," who was attacked and beaten by robbers at his home near Kinnimawick, Mo., 10 days ago, would probably never be able to speak again.

Mr. Drake's physician made the statement after visiting Mr. Drake earlier in the morning.

It was explained that, while the tongue was not destroyed, the inflammation of it from the effect of the injuries which the patient sustained would probably render it permanently useless.

Until Saturday morning it was hoped that the swollen tongue could be eventually reduced to its normal size. This hope was expressed as soon as physicians learned that the tongue had not been cut at first thought, destroyed.

Mr. Drake is reported as improving steadily, although he is yet very weak, and the number of visitors allowed him is limited.

Officers of Jefferson County and detectives employed by Mr. Drake's friends continue their search for the assailants of the man, but have so far been unable to find them.

All have accepted the theory, which was the first given, that the crime was committed by bandits for the purpose of robbery.

In a statement written by Mr. Drake immediately after the attack he wrote that he had been attacked by robbers.

GILLESPIE CASE WELL KNOWN

Resources of Ohio County Severely
Taxed to Furnish Jurymen
for Murder Trial.

DRIVING SUN, Ind., Dec. 10.—A special act of the legislature to allow the calling of jurors from other counties for the Gillespie murder trial is suggested as a possible necessity, in case a jury cannot be summoned from Ohio County, which will be unable to furnish enough men to fill a jury of 12 has been exhausted, and another special verdict of 10 has been issued by the court. Not more than 20 men in the county are available for the service of the tories. Only three men thus far examined have testified that they had not formed or expressed an opinion. Gillespie, charged with the murder of his own

PEORIA BANK IS ROBBED AT NOON BY HIGHWAYMEN

Bandits Force Officers of Illinois Financial Institution to Give Them \$500 and Flew at Gallop From the City.

BIG CROWD OVERAWED BY PISTOLS' DISPLAY

Throng in Street Follows Fleeing Desperadoes, but Is Kept at Distance From Fear of Bullets—Posse Take Up Chase.

SCHOOL BOARD LOSES SUIT FOR PRICELESS LAND

Three Judges in Circuit Court Decide That Occupants Are Entitled to Retain Possession of River Front Strip of 100 Acres.

KINGS AND DISCOVERERS BROUGHT INTO EVIDENCE

Royal Grants, Writs and Decrees Were Cited in the Endeavor to Show That 41 Tenants of Big Tract Were Squatters.

These Girls, Dressed as Boys, Fooled Everybody But a St. Louis Policeman



KANAWHA FLOYD AND LULU MEYERS

GIRLS IN BOYS' GARB FOOLED EVERYBODY BUT ST. LOUIS POLICEMAN

Stage-Struck Maids of 14 Who Tramped Over Ties to Chicago Have Lost Both Their Theatrical Aspirations and Their Desire for Travel.

"I may be crazy, but I ain't no fool!"

Thus sang Kanawha Floyd, 14 years old, when she was asked Saturday morning if the one railroad-tie tour which she, disguised as a boy, had just completed in pursuit of fame on the stage had been enough, or if she thought she would try it again.

She sang with feeling: there was a world of reminiscence in her intonation of the words; there was a distinct and positive meaning that once was plenty, and that for the rest of her natural life she was willing to wear dresses and view stage life from a seat in parquet or balcony.

Lulu Meyers, of the same age, did not make her announcement of permanent abandonment of stage ambition in either a garrulous or pleasure-seeking fashion; she intimated in fact that she was still trying it again—only she would make her plans more carefully, and she doubted if she would wear boy's clothing the next time she went to woo Thespia.

Both girls are in skirts and ribbons once more, and the only remaining evidence of their period of masquerading as boys is the absence of their long tresses. Kanawha is at the home of her mother at 1825 Maryland street. Lulu is at the home of her mother at 1228 Hickory street.

Kanawha today told the story of her wanderings to Lulu.

Crazy for Stage, They Plan Escape.

"Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, the day after President's Day at the World's Fair," she said, "I was home. Mamma had gone out. Lulu came over to my house, and we got to talking."

"We talked about the stage, and how we wanted to be actresses. O, both of us were crazy about the stage! Just crazy."

Lulu said: "Let's run away and be actresses."

"I said: 'Where will we go?'

"She said, 'O, let's go to Chicago, it's easy to get actresses there.'

"I said: 'What are you going?'

"Oh, well, we said a whole lot more, and Lulu said as we didn't have \$6 between us—I had \$3 and she had \$3—we couldn't travel on trains with that; she said we would 'heat our way' and walk when we couldn't steal a ride. And so I said, 'all right.' It looked awful easy—then."

"So we decided we'd dress up as boys; we thought it would be easier, you know. Lulu's brother, Will, a boy-baby at the Planters Hotel, is about our size, and Lulu said we could wear his clothes, and she would go home and get two suits of them. I said all right, and so did she. She came back with two suits and two coats and two shirts, and we tried them on. They fit beautifully—but Lulu's hair was better than mine did; she's just a little heavier, and I guess so, too."

"There were about 15 people in our house but us; and so we got the actors—Lulu cut my hair off like a boy—and I cut hers off the same way. It was a very good job, but it was the best we could do. And then we rolled up our dresses and put them on top of a wardrobe, and rolled up our hair in paper, and put on our caps and started out.

Farmer Never Suspected Them.

"We had on dark clothes and gray negligee shirts and the caps and our own shoes; but they are heavy shoes, and look just like boy's shoes—almost. We didn't have any vests, and no overcoats."

"We didn't leave any messages, and walked to Broadway and Lafayette avenue, where we took a street car going north. This was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We rode as far north as we could, and the car would take us, and then we walked. It was getting dark, and it was lonesome; we hadn't seen a soul, and nobody thought we were girls. But we kept on walking until about half past 10, when we got to a farm house. We told the farmer our names were Will and Lulu, and we were brothers and relatives. The farmer was real nice; he gave us a supper and a place to sleep, and we had a good night's sleep.

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"We didn't stay in Alton long; we got

LEGISLATORS DECLARE THEMSELVES AGAINST RACETRACK GAMBLING

Large Majority of Members-Elect Express Their Opposition to Breeders' Law Which, They Say, Licenses Law Breaking in the State.

DETERMINATION ANNOUNCED TO VOTE FOR ITS REPEAL

Post-Dispatch Queries Show That Sentiment in New General Assembly Favors Removal of Statute Which Breeds Crime.

MAJORITY OF LEGISLATORS WANT REPEAL OF BREEDERS' LAW

For Repeal - 37
Undecided - 31
Noncommittal - 1

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UNDecided, 31
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W. E. Land, Daviess County.
J. C. Gillaspy, Boone County.
T. W. Crowe, Ray County.

UNDECIDED, 31

D. W. Vories, St. Louis.
W. Godfrey, St. Louis.
W. B. Kliney, St. Louis.
G. H. Wilson, St. Louis.
W. C. Martin, St. Louis.
L. J. Lyon, Kansas City.

P. T. Cross, Clinton County.
A. R. McNatt, Aurora.

Charles H. Kleinschmidt, Hillsboro.

Jonathon Autreith, Warsaw.

John Whitaker, Weauplau.

J. W. Fock, Webster.

J. J. Shaw, Greenfield.

Thomas B. Kinney, St. Louis.
G. E. Bobley, St. Louis.
Glover Branch, Lafayette County.

A. L. Walmsley, Kansas City.

C. J. Walker, Boone County.

H. D. Miller, Cooper County.

Dave Nelson, St. Louis.

Wallace Grossly, Johnson.

P. J. Arnold, Harrison.

John C. Williams, Queen City.

Z. O. Stark, Stark.

Frank Mohr, King County.

F. K. Allen, Craig.

L. A. Vories, St. Joseph.

T. P. Hinke, Oran.

M. C. Harry, Carter.

J. T. Dryden, Independence.

James H. Lemon, Burlington Junction.

A. E. L. Gardner, St. Louis County.

Edward Baumann, Randolph County.

J. R. Williamson, Harrison County.

One hundred and nine members of the legislature are still to be heard from.

State Senators McNatt, Bradley and Clarke say they are opposed to the breeders' law and will work in the upper branch of the assembly for its repeal.

After investigation, I am against the present breeders' law, and favor its repeal.

JOSEPH ALBRECHT.

Aid From Howell County.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

LEONARD PHILIPS, Mo., Dec. 9.—Do not favor the breeders' law, but from what I have heard of same, would favor its repeal.

F. R. COOK.

Will Vote for Repeal.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

LINN CREEK, Mo., Dec. 9.—Do not approve of racetrack gambling, and will vote to repeal it.

E. M. KIRKMAN.

Unalterably Against Gamblers.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

JOHN L. BRADLEY (Dem.), State Senator.

Flat River: I am unalterably opposed to the present law, but am unwilling to make a positive statement to this effect until they have confirmed their information regarding the

LAST HOPE GONE MRS. CHADWICK'S SPONSOR FAINTS

**Banker Iri Reynolds Collapses
When He Saw Only Forged Notes
and Few Paltry Stocks for Fortune He Certified To.**

**STILL HUGS HIS "HONOR"
AS HE VIEWS HIS WORK**

**To the Last, the Man Who Was
the Power Behind the Bank—
Wrecking Woman Resisted At
tempt to Expose "Securities."**

**Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—It was announced officially at the office of the federal authorities today that Mrs. Chadwick would not waive examination in face of the latest developments in Cleveland, and would probably remain here to fight out her case.**

Edmund W. Powers, Mrs. Chadwick's attorney, today declined to repeat his statement that Mrs. Chadwick was worth \$1,000,000.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 10.—Amazing as have been the exposures in the Chadwick case, not one has approached the climax here when the package containing the alleged \$5,000,000 worth of securities held for Mrs. Chadwick by Iri Reynolds was opened. This is what was found:

A note for \$5,000,000 signed "Andrew Carnegie."

Iri Reynolds fell in a faint when this bit of cheap paper was "spread before his eyes. What the old man's feelings were, nobody will ever know, but the groan and physical torture so deep that the two men sitting with him believed his end had come.

The signs of every one who knows what occurred at that dramatic meeting when the seals were broken are sealed, but the Post-Dispatch's authority for the foregoing statement is one of the highest officials in Cleveland, one who knows what he is talking about. When the Post-Dispatch correspondent asked that official if he knew what had been found when the package held by Iri Reynolds was opened, he said:

"Have you ever heard of a \$5,000,000 note in connection with Mrs. Chadwick's affairs?"

**Piece of Worthless
Paper Her Only Fortune.**

The correspondent admitted that he had not.

"Then if you want a leader for your story, just say that the securities amount to a piece of blank paper. Just a common note for five million."

"Everyone is it."

"It is like all the others, a rank forgery of the name of Andrew Carnegie. You could take the old \$250,000 not face-value seen in the morning newspapers, scratch out the \$50,000 and write in five million, and there you would have the securities."

"Has anything else been found?"

"Yes, I believe there were just a few thousand dollars' worth of securities worth almost their face value."

"Can you be mistaken about the \$5,000 Carnegie note?"

"No, I don't see how I can be; my authority is absolute."

Only a few days ago a bank president had said: "When Reynolds opens his bunch of securities he will find sawdust or brown paper."

Mention has been made of the great amount of bonds held by Mrs. Chadwick in the Calendonian Railway of Scotland. The story now is that Mrs. Chadwick did have some bonds, genuine or otherwise, of this railroad, and that she showed these to Reynolds at the time she turned over her other securities to him. Later she got the package, withdrew the bonds and substituted the \$5,000 Carnegie note.

And now comes another surprise.

Package Not

in Reynolds' Keeping.

The "securities" to which Iri Reynolds so fondly clung, and which had been reported as in a dozen places, have for more than a year rested in a strong box in the vaults of a Jersey City (N. J.) trust company. For more than a year this precious lot of paper has been hundreds of miles from Cleveland, while for the past two weeks Reynolds has been represented as taking it to bed with him at night.

When the Post-Dispatch correspondent was put in possession of these facts, he hurried to the home of Mr. Reynolds. At first the maid refused to let even take his name to her employer, but she finally consented when the urgency of the matter was explained to her. After a few moments, the tottering figure of the old man came from an inner room.

He was a pitiful sight, bent as with a weight of too heavy for one man to carry. Grievous as was his condition, he preserved his courteous manner. The correspondent told him as kindly as possible what he had found out, and asked for a confirmation or denial.

"I can only say now what I said to you a week ago." Then, raising his hand above his head, he said in solemn tones: "As God is my judge, I will keep my honor and pride, and not until I am placed on the witness stand under oath, will I reveal what I know."

Then he bowed and closed the door.

This is the way Reynolds became the custodian of Mrs. Chadwick's "securities."

Banker D'D Not

Look at Securities.

Mr. Chadwick introduced her to Reynolds. The latter never dreamed of anything wrong, and so when Mrs. Chadwick came to him with a package and told him she wished him to keep it for her, he did so.

"I have here," she told him, "bonds and stocks to the value of \$5,000,000. Here is

the Net. Please give me your name on the bottom of this."

Then she passed him the bundle with the statement annexed:

"Dear Sir: Dr. Chadwick had been rich and he had no reason to suspect the wife of his dear friend, still he felt timid. Noting his hesitation, Mrs. Chadwick, with an air of injured innocence, said:

"Perhaps you wish to examine them to verify my word, Mr. Reynolds?"

Reynolds hastened to assure her that he did not doubt her.

For a time there was no anxiety. Then came the rumors of trouble, and finally in Newton, where the Chadwicks had begun, Reynolds still had hope and hurried to New York to verify it.

Reynolds, a lawyer, and New Squires, brought the two securities here from Jersey City. They had gone to New York in the first place, because they were sure that Mrs. Chadwick would not open the package until she gave the word.

Squires said he had the most implicit faith in her, but in view of all the disclosures he weakened.

When he said she did not give you permission, that package must be opened, he told Reynolds.

Lawyer Refused

Woman's Influence.

The man stoutly held out for what he called his honor, and assured Mr. Squires that when the facts were explained to Mrs. Chadwick she would be satisfied and he would get the securities. He would not go near Mrs. Chadwick, because of the wonderful influence she exercised over him.

The Squires, the local counsel for Herbert D. Newton of Brooklyn, who was so confident in that he had the package, said:

"I can't do it now," replied the woman. "Wait until that trouble with Mr. Newton is settled and then we will see you that you can deal with the others."

"I will give you 24 hours to authorize Reynolds to open that package; then, if he fails to do it, I will do it myself anyhow," replied the lawyer, with an emphasis that could not be mistaken.

"I can't do it now," declared Mrs. Chadwick.

Squires waited the 24 hours and no word came from Mrs. Chadwick. So he turned his attention to his wife, an eighteen-year-old client, and by main force of will made him go to Jersey City and secure the package.

They immediately sent for Arthur A. Sterns, the local counsel for Herbert D. Newton of Brooklyn, who was so confident in that he had the package, said that his \$100,000 claim would be settled.

Reynolds Collapsed

When Exposure Came.

They repaired to the Wade Park Bank and locked themselves in the directors' room. Then the package was opened and the authorities seem to get better results when given the power to regulate it than they might if called upon to examine it.

"I am going to hold him, but never let me go down the track, and she ran after it. The man, who was going out of the city with Judge Zuchritz, representing Brinkmeyer, if she had not taken many trips with her husband, in refutation of the penny charge. She replied that she had been to nearly every important city in America with him.

She admitted having received gifts of two diamond rings and earrings, but she denied that her daughters were "the best dressed in the neighborhood."

She said that Brinkmeyer had spent \$300 per month for expenses, including expenditures for things entirely foreign to household supplies.

Then the questions were directed to the accusation made by Mrs. Brinkmeyer that she had always treated Brinkmeyer kindly, and denied that she had ever refused to kiss him, although he was not of an affectionate disposition.

The views of Mr. Frye and Mr. Ballard express my views in the premises," added Commissioner Richard Hanlon. "I favor the extermination of handbooks as far as possible."

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**"Can Place Bets
All Over Town."**

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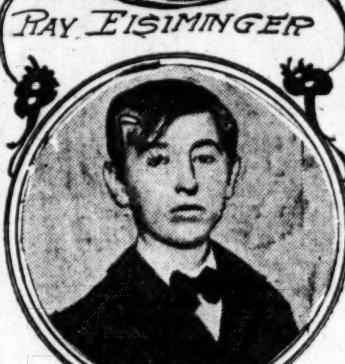
"The board took no action while I was present today in reference to handbooks. Do I believe in their suppression? Why, certainly."

Maynor Wells said: "I know nothing about the existence of handbooks in St. Louis, except what I have read."

"I have not attended a meeting of the police board at which the matter was brought up. It goes without saying that I am opposed to violations of the law of all kinds—gambling just like anything else—and that if handbooks are being operated in violation of the law I favor their suppression."

The handbooks still flourish.

**WALTER BROWN AND HIS
FRIEND, RAY EISIMINGER.**



WALTER BROWN

**MOTOR CHAIR SURE
FOR AFFLICTED BOY**

**Contributions to Aid Walter
Brown of East St. Louis Swell
Total to \$154.07.**

ONE BOY COLLECTED \$15.92

**Ray Eisiminger, a Friend of Wal-
ter's, Learned Value of
Lesson About Giving.**

Not Prepared to Decide.

**JOHN O'DONNELL (Dem., Third dis-
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ONE DOLLAR GIVES HAPPINESS TO A FAMILY

Christmas Festival Dinner at the Coliseum Prepared Under Chef Dietz's Direction to Be a Joy to the Poor.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND NEEDED

A Great Banquet for Those Who Would Otherwise Be Dinnerless on the Great Festival Day of the Year Is Planned.

You will feel unhappy on Christmas day, when in the joy of your own home you remember the poor of St. Louis if you have not aided to make lighter their burdens and brighter this day in their lives.

The Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival, which has been held annually in the Coliseum, has each year extended its usefulness to the poor of St. Louis to whom Christmas would be as other days if it were not for the benevolence of the people who contribute to this fund.

Our donors will be glad to know the Christmas dinner of a family of five, a dinner of such food as belongs to Christmas, a quantity sufficient to supply the last desire of the hungry. A dinner prepared from the framing of the menu to the service under the direction of the chef at Faust's.

Carl H. Dietz, famous among gourmands and epicures for his knowledge of his profession, has volunteered his services as directing chef, and with all due economy and all due consideration to the season the festival dinner celebrates, he will prepare and serve such a banquet as will make glad the hearts of every participant.

There will be an entertainment provided, and presents for all the little ones given by that Santa Claus who has each year gladdened the hearts of those gathered at the Christmas festival.

Your contribution, however small, is needed to swell the fund. Lend a helping hand as others are doing, and make the Christmas day bright for those who have no other hope of happiness than in the Coliseum festival.

A Banner Man's Blessing.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
God bless the little children.
Please find enclosed one hundred dollars for your children's Christmas gift. Very truly yours,
RUSSELL E. GARDNER.

Most commendable affair.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Please find enclosed check for ten dollars for your Christmas Festival fund for the most commendable affair and allow me to remain very sincerely yours, F. N. FANNING.

Dinner for One Family.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Enclosed you will find \$1 for the Christmas dinner at the Coliseum.
M. G. C.

Memory of Abraham Gould.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Please find enclosed check for \$5, which you will kindly forward to the memory of Abraham Gould, one who was always quick to respond to the call of humanity.

Prize of the Post-Dispatch and public benefit carried out by the Post-Dispatch and have been a bright star of hope to humanity.
JAMES S. COYLE.

Contributors' Lists.
List No. 1. David G. Evans & Co., 500 North Second street. \$100.00 W. H. Holt. 1.00
David Williams. 1.00 Cash. 1.00
Guido Winkler. 1.00 Total. 817.00
H. A. Bradford. 1.00

Summary.

Previously acknowledged. \$456.10
List No. 1. 100
List No. 2. 25.00
M. G. C. 25.00
James S. Coyle in memory of Abraham Gould. 5.00
F. N. Fanning. 1.00

VERDICT IN BELCHER CASE.
Jury Does Not Fix Responsibility for Tannhauser Saloon Shooting.

An open verdict was returned by the coroner's jury in the interest on the death of William Fluellen, the negro waiter who was accidentally shot by the discharge of a revolver in the hands of George J. Belcher, 31 North Sixth street, in the latter's establishment at 1 o'clock Friday morning.

Belcher is a Negro waiter in a common law saloon, which he gave at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. The shooting occurred after an alleged fight between Belcher and a customer, a former employee of the saloon.

When Belcher struck Williams in the face, the latter exploded, shouting, "Shut up, Belcher, a few feet away. Train

script of the coroner's jury evidence will be submitted to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton.

SAVINGS HID IN COAL PILE STOLEN

Husband Has Wife and Her Brother Arrested, While He Searches for \$800.

MONEY TO BUY A FARM

Wife Gone, Wm. Evans Looks in Vain for Fund to Buy Home.

William Evans of 1416 South Second street has his wife, Annie, and his wife's brother, George H. Salmons, locked up at the East St. Louis police station, but he is still looking for \$800 which disappeared from his home at about the same time that his wife disappeared.

When Evans, who is a foreman for a sand company, went home Friday evening, he found that his wife had gone. There was a letter on the dresser and a quarter was lying beside it.

Without opening the letter, he ran to the cellar and finally found the coat to the right of the jets looking for the \$800, his savings of years, which he had hidden under the coal against the time when the dream of his life would be realized in the purchase of a farm.

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CARONDELET FEARS LIGHTS MAY GO OUT

Delay in Lighting Bill Causes Anxiety for Residents of Southern Section of the City.

People of Carondelet, according to President Joseph L. Hornsby of the City Council, who live in that part of the city, are anxious about the delay in the passage of a bill providing for a new contract for lighting the southern part of the city, which is expected to result from a resolution adopted at Friday evening's meeting of the House of Delegates.

This resolution, which was introduced by John P. Farnham, was referred to the appointment of a committee of three to act on the Board of Public Improvements and requested that the Carondelet lighting bill be among the first acts of the new session.

A motion for a new trial was overruled and Vernon was taken to St. Louis to perfect an appeal, of which notice was given by his attorneys.

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The towns named in the indictment under which Vernon was convicted are Columbia, Kirkville and Moberly.

Vernon did not deny having taken money from the owners of the land for his influence in securing its purchase by the government for postoffice purposes, but claimed that he acted only as a real estate agent and made no unlawful use of the funds.

Blanton was among the witnesses in the St. Louis man's behalf. He denied taking any money from the latter.

Many witnesses were examined, who testified that Vernon was accused of having paid Dr. McAlister, another dentist, with the understanding, they asserted, that he was to be turned over to the state, Vernon to the Denver trial.

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St. Louis Dentist to Be Heavily Punished for Bribery of Government Agent in Selection of Post-office Sites in Missouri.

NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED, APPEAL TO BE TAKEN

Prisoner's Bond Is Fixed at \$10,000 Pending Transfer of Case to Higher Court—Blanton Hearing to Come Up in May.

HANNIPAL, Mo., Dec. 10.—Dr. J. B. Vernon, the St. Louis dentist, found guilty here yesterday on a charge of bribing a government agent to select certain sites for postoffices in Missouri towns, was sentenced in the Federal Court today to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

UP TO JIMMIE BRITT TO BLOCK BATTLING'S FAST MARCH TO FRONT

Fight World Waiting to See If "Pride of the Coast" Can Bar Path of Fighting Dane to Head Off Feather-weight Division.

BY ROBERT EDGREN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Now it's up to Jimmy Britt. Will he knock out Battling Nelson's championship aspirations when they meet Dec. 20?

That's what all the followers of the fighting game are asking.

Young Corbett is off the pugilistic horizon for the present. San Francisco wants to see the two greatest little fighters in the world in this coming ring, and Britt will not be satisfied until Britt and Nelson meet.

Perhaps Jimmy has not yet figured out just how he will fight Nelson when the just now coming off the dresser and a quarter was lying beside it.

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BIG ATTENDANCE AT PRELIMINARY DERBY

Heavy Track for New Orleans Event, With Day Sunny and Pleasant.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 16.—The running of the preliminary derby this afternoon brought out an unusually large attendance. The event has always been a popular one, and the day was sunny and pleasant, so the track was full heavy and holding. Ram's Horn and Whippoorwill dodged the issue in the Derby, but the field was still large enough for all purposes.

First race, six furlongs—Jerry Hunt 12 (Crimmins); 1st, Daisy Green 12 (Hicks); second, Flora Wren 12 (Martin); third, Time, 1:22 1-2.

MONDAYS NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

First race, four and one-half furlongs, maiden:

1st, H. C. Connor 108 Halcro Days 108

2nd, J. C. Anderson 108 Nellie Reed 108

3rd, J. C. Anderson 108 Eddie 108

4th, D. G. Martin 108 Dancing Girl 108

5th, D. G. Martin 108 Gertie 108

6th, D. G. Martin 108 Dan McKenna 108

Second race, one mile and one-sixteenth:

1st, Rowland M. 95 New Amsterdam 95

2nd, Southampton 95 Athelot 95

3rd, Newmarket 95 McCarthy 95

4th, Milverton 95 London 95

5th, Lady Fonda 95 Minicino 95

6th, Dan McKenna 95

Third race, one mile:

1st, Miss Betty 95 Careless 95

2nd, M. A. Mansfield 95 Garish 95

3rd, Nevermore 95 Ed. Tierney 95

Fourth race, one mile, handicap:

1st, Matador 125 Judge Himes 125

2nd, Spencerian 125

3rd, Dan McKenna 125

Fourth race, seven-eighths of a mile, handicap:

1st, Lomell 95 Glend 95

2nd, Lampoon 95 Kew 95

3rd, Federal 95 Cardinal 95

4th, Sigma 95 McWhirter 95

5th, Royal Rice 95

Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, handicap:

1st, Dr. Gurney 95 Dr. Gurney 95

2nd, The Laurel 95 Matilda 95

3rd, Senator 95 Merry Acrobat 95

4th, Jim Collins 95 Cardinal Love 95

5th, Jim Collins 95 Debutante 95

6th, Jim Collins 95 Debutante 95

7th, Jim Collins 95 Debutante 95

8th, Jim Collins 95 Debutante .

POST-DISPATCH'S EDITORIAL PAGE AND DAILY

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Founded by JOSEPH PULITZER. Published by THE PULITZER PUBLISHING CO., 210-212 N. BROADWAY.

Now, then, for a museum and a million!

We cannot bury boddle if the coroner appoints "missing witnesses."

The big Sunday Post-Dispatch is also good reading for the long winter evenings.

Kaiser William, perhaps, writes poor verses; but so did our own George Washington.

What bumper crops would be raised in Missouri if we had a professor of agronomy to look after our corn!

Magnate Hill's success will not be of the highest until he shall have obtained railway access to St. Louis.

The breeders' law authorizes, licenses and creates a monopoly on vice. It should be repealed before it causes any more ruin.

The competition in frenzy between Thomas W. Lawson and the Standard Oil-Addicks gang is interesting to look at. But ordinary speculators should not mix in.

REPEAL THE BREEDERS' LAW.

Replies from members of the incoming legislature to telegraphic queries addressed to them by the Post-Dispatch indicate a general desire to repeal the so-called breeders' law and abolish the bookmakers' trust.

The law is a disgrace to the state of Missouri, as it would be to any civilized community. It legalizes gambling on race-tracks while prohibiting it elsewhere, thus licensing and creating a special privilege or monopoly in vice.

The consequences of this wicked law are seen in the ruin of thousands of men and women foolish enough to take advantage of the satanic opportunities it holds out, in the degradation and enfeeblement of the moral fiber of youths and young women who are drawn within the sphere of the vicious influence, and the very perceptible tendency to general demoralization in the communities most exposed to it. Besides these moral and social evils, it should not be forgotten that vast sums of money are every season diverted from the channels of economic usefulness and sunk in the pit of waste.

The repeal of this law is one of the first duties of the legislature. All considerations of the public welfare, social order and individual prosperity unite to demand the abolition of this Crime Trust, and no honest argument can be advanced in favor of the law which supports so great an evil.

One million and 100,000 Missouri and Illinois people passing over a free bridge would be a great exhibit to follow the greatest Exposition.

AN ACT OF HOSPITALITY

In order to share in the grand act of hospitality by the citizens of St. Louis who are in good circumstances toward their less fortunate fellow citizens, the fund for the Post-Dispatch Christmas festival and dinner will have to be ample for all purposes. Many of the subscription blanks have been sent out, and others will be distributed to responsible persons who desire to take part in the good work by this method. Send in your name and address for one of these blanks.

Practical committees are at work on all the lines of activity necessary to complete this gigantic task of bringing Christmas home to all those in need, and especially to the children. The town is organizing for the great festival. Every well-to-do child can have a guest at the Coliseum on Christmas day by contributing 25 cents. A contribution of \$1 will insure a happy day at the festival for an entire family, including the Christmas dinner, Christmas tree, gifts from Santa Claus, etc.

A part of the proceeds of the Gymkana and Horse Show, in which many leading St. Louisans are interested, and particulars of which were published in Friday's Post-Dispatch, will be devoted to the festival. But much more will be needed. The intention is to provide Christmas fare and Christmas jollity for every man, woman and child not otherwise provided for. And every one who can do so is invited to help.

Missouri's education exhibits at the World's Fair were awarded 26 grand prizes, 48 gold medals, 59 silver medals and 13 bronze medals. The fact should bring to the state a great number of the best kind of immigrants.

A MODEL CITY OF 1,000,000 INHABITANTS.

Municipal improvement and progress commensurate with the needs of a city containing one million inhabitants must accompany the effort to raise the population of St. Louis to that number.

Much has already been done. We have good streets and clear water, and there is a rumor that the atmosphere is not so smoky as it was.

But these, important as they are, are only beginnings. The city institutions need new buildings, or those already in use must be extensively enlarged and improved. A new courthouse is sorely needed. Many school buildings, modern in construction, up to date in every particular, must be provided for the growing population. Every municipal interest demands attention and intelligent service.

In short, the city must be made a desirable place of habitation. It must offer advantages which are obvious and undeniable to people who desire homes, schools and a good social order, as well as factories and offices.

So far as natural and commercial advantages are concerned there can be no question. These can be demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of every inquiring capitalist. But they must be accompanied by public municipal advantages if the best results are to be obtained, and to the improvement of these the most energetic, earnest and broad-minded public spirit should be addressed. Make it a model city of 1,000,000 inhabitants.

Washington University has no idea of education in ethnology through permanent pikes. The only permanent pikes now considered are good roads.

PUSH THE CHADWICK CASE.

If a woman can raise millions on bogus securities what becomes of the reputation of the business world for shrewdness and practical wisdom?

According to reports, bankers and other business men actually ran after the preposterous Mrs. Chadwick, seeking opportunity to lend her money. The only securities she ever offered, it appears, were Carnegie notes, the genuineness of which was admitted by a man from over yonder who said he was Andrew Carnegie's attorney.

It is a queer combination of cussedness, greed and folly. Business men will consult their own interest and vindicate the hardness of their heads by joining together to insist upon a thorough exposure of this fantastic case. What Mrs. Chadwick really did and how she did it—these are the questions which ought to be answered in a criminal court.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

THE BREEDERS' BILL.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Your editorial on the breeders' law, so-called, was timely and well said. No greater iniquity was ever placed on the statute books of Missouri than the law authorizing the worst form of gambling under the thin pretense of a law to improve the breed of horses. Even if it improved the breeding of horses, a questionable benefit at best, it more than offsets any such doubtful benefit by deteriorating a large part of the human race. There are no racing, cheap and easy ways of getting something for nothing, and so to end gambling schools under the auspices of the imperial and Christian state of Missouri.

It is time that we wiped off the statute books and the laws against poolrooming made more severe; or, if this law is retained, another law should be passed to license poker-playing on the part of the breeders.

In due time, by a process of legislative evolution, we may see a law enacted that will improve the breed of the human specimens that hang around the race-track, study the racing forms and "play the ponies" sometimes with their own money and sometimes with that of their employers.

R. F. C.

WE'RE TOO GENEROUS!

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Is there another case than that of the Spanish-American war where the victor paid indemnity or in any way reimbursed the vanquished?

Do you think there is any possibility of a graft in that settlement? A lot of us have never been able to understand why \$20,000,000 was paid Spain.

Do you think Spain would have given us anything if we had taken the thumping fine of her? J. M. W.

NOT ENOUGH SPRINKLING.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Taxpayers pay for street sprinkling the year round and the contractors pay for 12 months of the year. Whose fault is it that we are compelled to have our houses filled with dust because we have had no rain or snow to dampen the streets? One light sprinkling a day would keep the dust out at this season of the year.

TAXPAYER.

NOW, WHEREFORE DO THE POOR COMPLAIN?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
What are the people in St. Louis going to do this winter if something isn't done to bring the rents to what they should be? A man works hard for his money, and when he thinks of the meager little salary he is to receive at the end of the month and then the greater part if not all must be given to the landlord to pay for the little place he has and the expenses of running it, there is a great butcher and coal dealer, not to speak of clothing or any other vital needs of his family. The result is that all the little children are put to work to help, for the saying is, "Run the house, eat, and go to school." Let us remind the property owner that they raised our rent a year or two before the Fair opened and now the Fair has closed we are again looking for the way from them that they are not what it used to be. It would be a glad surprise to many at Christmas to hear of the above.

A SUFFERER.

TO THE MILLION CLUB OF ST. LOUIS.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
There is no better way of adding to our city population than for the cities of St. Louis and East St. Louis to build a free bridge across the Mississippi river, which can be done for at least \$5,000,000, and the expense of keeping up this bridge to be equally divided between the two states.

Given an even road and good rapid transit clear through to Clayton.

Reduce the water tax on manufacturers, and give us some name for our city in other than St. Louis.

Give us a free bridge and the city of St. Louis will take a step it never has before, and the million population will be here in the time the bridge is finished. The taxpayers of St. Louis have been taxed to the bone, and it is time to saddle this city with nine more million dollars to be squandered on imaginary institutions for the benefit of our politicians.

The citizens and the city of St. Louis gave \$10,000,000 to our World's Fair; now give us a chance to complete this good work for the benefit of our good city and raise five more million toward a free bridge.

J. M. FALKERSEN,
Twenty-Eighth Ward.

"THE CITY BEAUTIFUL."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
The illustrated article appearing in Sunday's issue of the Post-Dispatch, entitled "Beauty St. Louis," is the most beauty of all St. Louisans, who are alert to its best interests.

If, as you state, the Field museum in Chicago, after a period of eleven years still remains intact (although constructed of wood), why not let us have a Field museum in St. Louis? A reasonable objection could be made to following Chicago's example in a measure by adorning our city with many of the groups of statuary at present located on the World's Fair grounds.

It seems akin to a crime to ruthlessly destroy these masterpieces of art, representing as they do the brightest minds of the nation.

The thought alone of the destruction of the magnificent Festival Hall and its surroundings sends a thrill of keen regret, not alone to our own citizens, but to countless thousands of people throughout the world.

Must everything be sacrificed? Can nothing be done to preserve (at least in some degree) these beautiful monuments of art and industry?

The man of Post-Dispatch has solved the question. The placing of statues as suggested will compensate in a measure the losses otherwise sustained, for from these the mind will reflect back to past glories of the Exposition.

W. J. MC.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No business address given. Don't sign "Answerer" or "Constant Reader." No initial is given. Address all letters to "Answers, Post-Dispatch City."

H. T.—Olympic \$400.
DOE—Please read rules, above.

K. A. B.—We have no salmon recipes.

E. P. H.—Ask at 115 North Eleventh street.

H. R. GILLERSON—Please read rules, above.

G. L. P. G.—Ask the mayor for revolver permit.

CONSTANT BETTOR—Please read rules, above.

D. F. H.—We do not know where Dong Gon is.

A. W. M.—April 21, Good Friday; Christmas holiday. Monday.

J. F. S.—For potters see City Directory; at any drug store.

L. G.—Civil service examinations, next Wednesday; post office.

MYERS—Missouri Book, 35 cents; Walter Williams, Co.

TELEGRAPH—We do not pass on the reliability of business concerns.

A. Z.—Mutilated coin is not redeemed. Silversmiths might buy it for something.

S.—Bellefontaine line had cars on Bremen avenue, 1854.

W. T.—Coxey's army marched to Washington in the spring of 1894. He had 10,000 men.

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ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE FOR HOME READING

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

TRICKS AND GAMES FOR THE PARLOR

Forfeits.

In redeeming forfeits in the many games young people play, few ideas seem to spring to the minds of those who are asked: "What shall the owner do?" Here are some suggestions:

Laugh in one corner of the room, cry in another, yawn in the third and dance in the fourth.

Put yourself through a keyhole. Write the word "yourself" and put it through.

Write your name in one letter. (Write a letter to some one, with your name in it.)

The one to pay the forfeit stands with his face to the wall; one behind him makes signs indicating a kiss, a pinch, a box on the ear. Then the question is asked: "Which do you prefer, the first, second or third?" Whichever happens, is given to him.

Imitate without laughing such animals as companions name.

Popular Indian Game.

THE plum stone game is very popular with the Indians. The Dakotas give it the unpronounceable name of Kanskoatapi, which simply means shooting plum stones; each stone is painted black on one side and red on the other. They are cut in various ways to make them of different values.

These black and red stones are put in a large shallow dish of clay or metal. This is struck against the nearest object with a sharp blow; the stones fall, black or red side up, and betting on the number of black or red stones constitutes the game. Of course, this is gambling, pure and simple. The prizes are valuable—food, clothing, food—everything goes for the excitement of the game.

Lettuce Game.

TAKE a head of lettuce. Slightly loosen many leaves as possible, pasting on each a printed slip bearing the name of a vegetable with the letters badly mixed. Each player pulls out a leaf and endeavor to arrange the letters to spell the name which is written on the slip. The game ends when no more leaves remain to be pulled. The player who secures the most may be crowned with a wreath of autumn leaves.

To Guess Any Number.

THIS is done by multiplying the list number by 2. Ask some one to think of an even number. Tell him to triple it, halve the product, triple the half, then tell how many times you did it, and you will tell the original number.

Suppose 8 be the number. Triple this and the result is 24. Halve this, making 12. Again tripling this gives 36, into which 5

goes four times. This four times multiplied by 2 gives 8, the number originally thought of.

A False Friend.

There was once a crane who had for his very good friend a monkey. The monkey, who was extremely mischievous, got the crane into a great deal of trouble; but the worst thing he ever did I am going to tell you about.

The crane had seen a man playing on a flute, and longed very much to do the same. "Why not?" said the monkey. "Your bird will be the very thing. I'll drill the flute in it, through which you can play sweet music."

The crane pranced for joy. "I can play at all the dances," he cried. "For you must know that cranes are very fond of giving dances and going to dances. All who



"Why Not?"

JUST A MINUTE For POST-DISPATCH Verse and Humor

The Time Has Come.

Now is the time when an oyster stew sends a fine, warm thrill all over you.

Now is the time when the dreary rain comes beating down 'gainst the window-pane.

Now is the time when it feels so good to hug up close to a fire of wood.

But the best that we get in town, alas! is an imitation backlog and gas.

Unless, perchance, you have won the regard of some handsome queen on the boulevard.

Who will tempt you right to the brink of fate
By building a nice little fire in the grate,

And sitting there while you hold her hand And float away gently to Fairlyland.

Oh, winter isn't bad—not a little bit if you once get the proper hang of it.

Gwendolyn's Revenge.

CHAPTER VII.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Gwendolyn Mars and Algernon Dowdell, hero and heroine, respectively, of this great work, were last seen engaged in a strange bold on the sofa. This is twice they have been discovered in a similar position. It is about time for a change of scene.

Lo and behold, what have we here? By me halidom, it looks like an automobil accident!

Sure enough, it is.

And who should be the victims of this



"Why Not?"

ten will admire me. Miss Isabella Crane will gladly become my bride when I am a famous musician."

"No doubt," said the monkey, "and in your day of grandeur I hope you will remember that you owe it all to me."

But, alas—and alas! When the mischievous monkey got those holes drilled through the crane's beak, not a sound could he make; even his old cry, which was not very pretty, came strange and whistling.

"I'm ruined!" cried the crane.

And it was so. The young crane lady who had hoped to marry said she did not desire a damaged article. All the other cranes cast him out and would have nothing to do with him. "This comes," said the monkey, "from being too ambitious. Who ever heard of a crane attempting to be a musician?"



terrible shock and jar but our own Gwendolyn and Algernon?

For, true it is, it is none other.

Of a truth, they are sailing high; but they always were high-fliers.

"They are indeed," says that kills, if persisted in. What is this they are giving us—an imitation of an airship? Ah, we will write and ask them!

Our New Process.

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These three photographs, taken by our new process, the Linograph, represent (1) Andrew Carnegie. (2) John D. Rockefeller is and (3) Parsons. Mrs. Chadwick is in the background, but her figure is not discernible.

On Dark Days.

"Into each life some rain must fall, Some days are dark and dreary." And quoting such sad stuff as this is likely to make one weary.

Another Scotchman.

It was not Andrew Carnegie who said: "I never was carry for heart's ease or slaughter 't other at a man. No; that was Robert Burns."

Curiously cost us \$200,000 in seven months. In other words, we paid that much to see the ignorants.

The Greek who bit off another man's ear will probably hear from the court in a way he will not like.

Being compelled to wait in a hot court-room for several hours is a great trial.

Is Nan Patterson any kin to Billy?

The Dead Past.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Washington was eating a crust at Valley Forge.

"This isn't Thanksgiving turkey," he muttered, "but at least I won't have to take stomach powders tomorrow."

Washing down the crust with some snow, he rolled a cigarette.

Raleigh had discovered tobacco. "It's great stuff," he reflected. "Now for the cigarmakers' union."

Taking a long puff, he leaned back and blew rings.

Benedict Arnold had been convicted of treason.

"At least," he told a friend, "I wasn't indicted by any old grandjury."

Packing his grip, he took the first steamer for England.

THE NEWEST BOOKS.

Thomas Dixon's New Novel.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., has completed his novel, "The Clansman," and turned over the manuscript to his publishers, Doubleday, Page & Co., who announce it for publication on Jan. 14. This novel, said to be the most ambitious work so far of Mr. Dixon's, deals with the Ku Klux Klan in the South in the stirring days of the reconstruction. The early scenes of the story are laid in Washington during which Thaddeus Stevens practically held the reins of government.

IV.

On the Question of War.

"THINK wars are terrible," said the professor's wife.

"So they are," said the professor, "but usually necessary."

"Not always," said the professor's wife.

"Perhaps not," said the professor. "But usually, I would usually. When the amount of ill-will between two peoples has become so great as to produce the desire of each to exterminate the other, the human passions therupon render war between them a necessity. War also clears the air."

"Oh, Charles," said the professor's wife, "how cruel you are to talk that way—and you a college professor! War is not a necessity. I don't care what you say."

"I'm sorry for that," said the professor, "but I have, and you, an obligation to others which will war with war?"

"Yes," said the professor's wife. "I have. Let those who make the quarrels fight it out among themselves."

"Yes, I have heard that before," said the professor, "but—"

"Listen to me," interrupted the professor's wife. "Why should thousands of innocent people suffer because two angry rulers have a grievance? Think of the families of whom Charles is the author."

"Quite so," said the professor. "I do not desire those things. But you are making a mistake that is not uncommon in the discussion of war. You—"

"No mistake at all," said the professor's

wife: "If the Czar of Russia and the Mikado of Japan have quarreled over the Manchurian or whatever, it is let them fight it out together, instead of involving the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives of common soldiers who don't care a bit about the old thing, and then have the two nations abide by the result."

"It would be an invigorating spectacle," said the professor, "and the gate receipts would be prodigious, no doubt, but the suggestion is hardly practicable."

"Why not?" demanded the professor's wife.

"Well," said the professor, "for several reasons, two of which are sufficient. Suppose, for the sake of argument, such a conflict did take place. What do you suppose would be the result?"

"Why, whose won would get the decision, whatever it was," said the professor's wife. "And then the soldiers of both nations wouldn't be obliged to kill each other."

"Ah," said the professor, "but you take no cognizance of human nature. Are you under the impression that the subjects of the fighters would go quietly about their business after the fight, in the same way, for instance, that we do after a presidential election? Not much, my dear. They'd take sides immediately, of course. First a Russian would get excited, and, if he saw his monarch getting the worst of it, he'd attack the Japanese; the Japanese would hit back, and in turn would get soaked—I beg pardon, my dear, I mean struck-by-rather than hit—and in less than two minutes all the Russians and Japanese on the grounds would be engaged in the same way they're engaged now. And that's where you can't confine ill-feeling between two nations to a couple of individuals. My reasoning may seem primitive to you, but your suggestion to take the place of war is even more so. Here's the other reason: Where the ruler of one nation was a big, strong

fellow, and the other was a physical weakling, who made of them are—it wouldn't be the right thing. It would be a shame to take the money, as it were."

"I don't care," said the professor's wife. "I don't believe your wars are necessary at all. Why need people quarrel, anyway?"

"I don't know," said the professor, "but the fact remains that they do. I haven't much belief that it can be prevented. By the way, have you become reconciled to Mrs. Collier yet?"

"That creature!" said the professor's wife quickly. "I should say not. The idea of her offering Bridget \$3 more a month if she would leave me for her. And the things I've done for Mrs. Collier. I think she's a cat!"

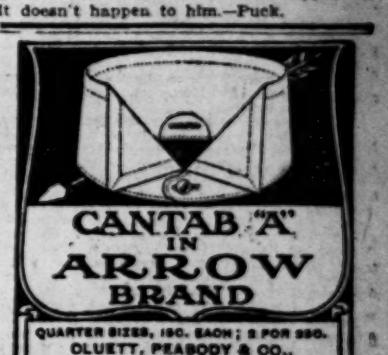
"Ah," said the professor, turning again to his "Recompence for Contraband Food-stuffs."

For Pa's Benefit.

They were seated at the supper table. "Say, ma," queried little Dolly, "what is a miser?"

"A miser, my dear," answered the diplomatic mother, as she glanced across the table at her husband, "is a man who thinks his wife's hat should not cost any more than his own."

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